

News Briefs

Expired decals

Vehicle decals for 2004 expired on Dec. 31. Anyone with an expired decal must report to Pass and ID to pick up a new one by Jan. 31. After this date, “04” decals will no longer be honored and vehicles will be denied access to the base. People must bring a military identification card, proof of insurance and vehicle registration in order to receive a new sticker. For more information, call Pass and ID at Ext. 7133.

Subway closure

Subway will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Martin Luther King Jr. observance

All BLAZE TEAM members are invited to the Martin Luther King Jr. observance at 10 a.m. today at the chapel. The guest speaker is Senior Master Sgt. Lonnie Slater. For more information, call Master Sgt. Curtis Chiles at Ext. 2781.

Dorm dinner

The January dorm dinner is at 5 p.m. Thursday at the community center instead of at the chapel annex. The menu is pasta and pizza. Those who would like to donate a side item appropriate for the dinner (such as salad, breadsticks) can drop donations off at the community center by 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Door prize drawings will be held and a Bible study will follow the dinner for those who would like to attend. For more information, call the chapel at Ext. 2500 or contact a first sergeant.

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Columbus AFB hosts 36 Airmen hoping to make the cut for the Air Force soccer team.



Children from Columbus AFB welcomed deployed troops home at Golden Triangle Regional Airport Saturday.

‘America Supports You’ links American public with troops

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense officials launched a nationwide program, America Supports You, and Web site to showcase the many activities taking place across the nation in support of the troops. The Web site, which highlights organizations and individuals coordinating local and national support efforts, has logged nearly a million

hits since its inception Nov. 19. Individual citizens, businesses, schools, veterans groups and others have visited www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil to register their activities, send a message to the troops and identify programs of support in their own communities. Allison Barber, deputy assistant secretary of defense for internal communications and public liaison, said

that while the Department of Defense knew that many of these programs existed, the site has become a useful tool in “helping to link people and programs, and more importantly, to share these stories of support with the people who need to hear them most — the men and women serving overseas.”

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Columbus AFB Training Timeline									
Phase II				Phase III				Wing Sortie Board	
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required Flown Annual
37th (05-13)	2.69 days	-2.31 days	Feb. 11	48th (05-04)	1.70 days	2.25 days	Jan. 21	T-37	891 907 7,839
41st (05-12)	4.00 days	0.89 days	Today	50th (05-04)	0.19 days	-1.68 days	Jan. 21	T-38C	459 529 4,152
								T-1A	437 398 3,525s
Graduation speaker: Col. James Kowalski, Deputy Director for Operational Plans and Joint Matters for Contingency Operations									

High five, low five



Tech. Sgt. Steven Butler, 14th Flying Training Wing Chapel NCOIC, plays with children at a deployed location in Southwest Asia. While deployed, chaplains' assistants are responsible for religious and spiritual logistic support to all deployed personnel. They also serve as armed escorts to the chaplains if needed.

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“The feedback from our troops has been tremendous, just as the outpouring of support from the American people has been overwhelming,” she said.

Americans can visit the site and register their activities, large or small, supporting the

troops. Everyone who registers receives an official America Supports You dog tag that can be worn as a visible symbol of support for the troops.

The dog tags have been seen across the country, worn by celebrities like Ellen DeGeneres and Wayne Newton, and worn by everyday citizens at national

events, such as the Macy’s Day Thanksgiving Parade, the Fiesta and Rose Bowls and the New Year’s Eve celebration in Times Square.

Ms. Barber also suggests that businesses, schools, churches, corporations and individuals add a link to the site from their Web sites.

“Servicemembers and their families have told us how

much they are inspired by the messages of support from all across the nation that are posted each day. Whether you post a message on the site, or team up with a local group organizing care packages, each and every activity sends the message loud and clear: ‘America Supports You,’” she said. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News Service)

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 46 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



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# Banquet honors outstanding BLAZE TEAM Airmen of 2004

**Airman 1st Class Alexis Lloyd**  
Public Affairs

The wing will recognize its top achievers at the 14th Flying Training Wing 2004 Annual Awards Banquet Feb. 5 at the Columbus Club.

This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Heroes."

"The theme drives home the relevance of the numerous accomplishments of our Columbus AFB heroes, which give us much to celebrate," said Senior Master Sgt. Renee McCollum, annual award committee chair. "It's our way of saying their accomplishments for this year distinguishes each of them as heroes."

The social starts at 6 p.m., and the dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. The menu is London broil or stuffed chicken breast served with roasted new potatoes, salad, chef's vegetables, rolls and turtle cheesecake. Cost is \$17.50 for grades E-1

through E-4, \$19.50 for grades E-5 through E-6 and \$21.50 for senior NCOs, officers and civilians. Club members receive a \$2 discount. The deadline to sign-up for the banquet is Jan. 28.

"In the past years, we have sold out of tickets for this event," Sergeant McCollum said. "The Columbus Club can only seat 250 people, so it's important to reserve seats early."

Child care is available for \$3 an hour for ages six months to 5 years old at the child development center and for ages 6 through 12 at the youth center. Both centers require a \$5 deposit. A minimum of 12 registered children is needed to offer the service, and the deadline to sign-up for child care is Jan. 28.

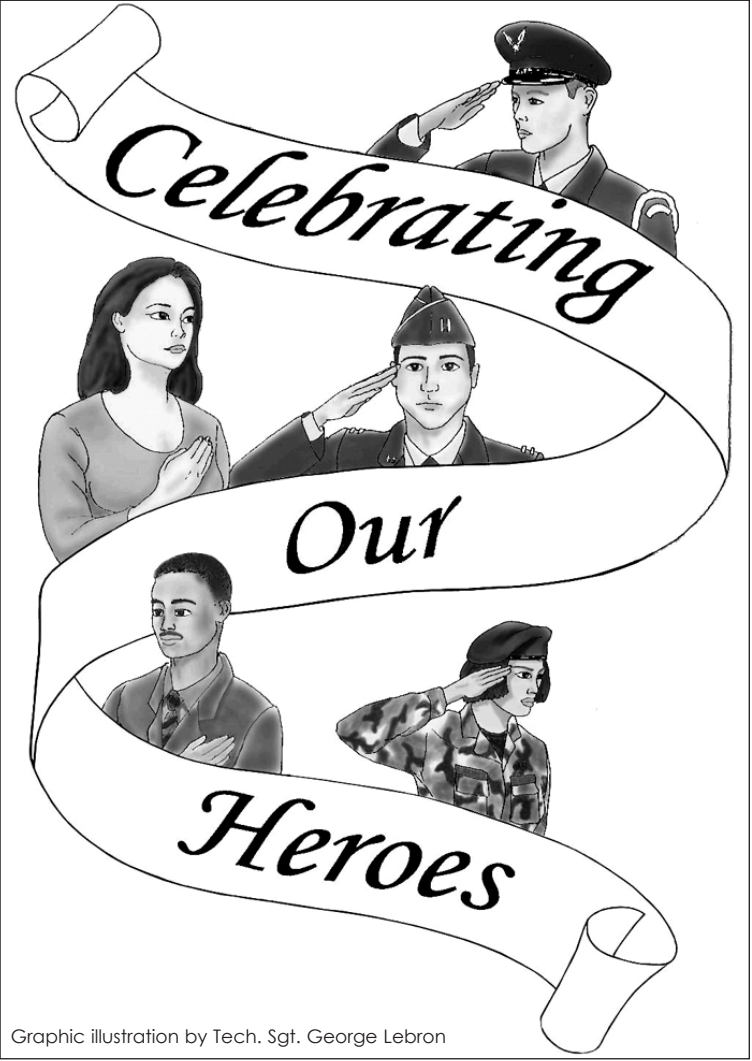
This year the annual award nominees will attend a tour of historic antebellum homes and a host social with special recognition from the 14th Flying Training Wing commander, Sergeant McCollum

added.

The categories for this year include: Airman, NCO, senior NCO, honor guardsman, first sergeant, company grade officer, field grade officer, flight commander, civilian category I, civilian category II, civilian category III and volunteer of the year.

"The Annual Awards Banquet recognizes the overall excellence of our BLAZE team members who proudly represent us day in and day out," Sergeant McCollum said. "Attendance at this important event helps express our commitment to recognizing and honoring our military and civilian nominees, as well as our appreciation for what they do for Columbus AFB and the Columbus community."

To sign up for the banquet, see a first sergeant or call Master Sgt. Kerry Slater at Ext. 2488. For additional information, call Senior Master Sgt. Renee McCollum at Ext. 3075.



Graphic illustration by Tech. Sgt. George Lebron

## New law encourages tsunami relief contributions

**WASHINGTON** — The Internal Revenue Service alerted taxpayers who itemize deductions that they may claim on their 2004 tax returns charitable donations made during Jan. 2005 for relief of the victims of the Indian Ocean Tsunami.

The new law enacted on Jan. 7 allows these donations to be deducted as if they were made on Dec. 31, 2004.

"There are no extra forms to fill out or any additional burdens for taxpayers," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "As long as you send your check by the end of the month, the donation will be treated just like it was still

2004."

The new law only allows for cash contributions. The contributions must be made specifically for the relief of victims in areas affected by the Dec. 26, 2004, tsunami in the Indian Ocean.

The new law gives taxpayers the option of deducting the contributions on either their 2004 or 2005 returns, but not both.

The IRS advises taxpayers to be sure their contributions go to qualified charities. Taxpayers who have a specific charity in mind can make sure that it is a qualified charity by doing a search on IRS.gov. Some organizations, such as

churches or governments, may be qualified even though they are not listed on IRS.gov.

For information on groups involved in tsunami relief, donors can also look to the USAID site at: [www.usaid.gov/locations/asia\\_near\\_east/tsunami/ngolist.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/tsunami/ngolist.html) or USA Freedom Corps at [www.usafreedomcorps.gov](http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov).

The IRS reminds donors that contributions to foreign organizations generally are not deductible.

IRS Publication 526, Charitable Contributions, provides information on making contributions to charities.

Publication 3833, Disaster Relief: Providing Assistance through Charitable Organizations, explains how the public can use charitable organizations to help victims of disasters, and how new organizations can obtain tax-exempt status. Both publications are available on IRS.gov.

When donors make contributions to assist the victims of the tsunami, they should notate their records to that effect. Donors may want to notate the memo field of checks they send that it is a contribution to help tsunami victims.

(Courtesy of IRS News Service)

The act also allows excludable combat pay (but not BAH or BAS) to be treated as taxable earned income when figuring the Child Tax Credit after 2003. Treatment of combat pay as earned income when figuring this or the earned income tax credit does not change its exclusion from taxable income.

For more information on these and other important changes, call the volunteer income tax center at 434-7613. The center, located at 7211A Atlanta Drive, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

# Enlisted force structure AFI clarifies Airmen's roles, responsibilities

**Michael Briggs**  
12th Flying Training Wing

**RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — Air Force officials further clarified and standardized the roles, responsibilities and duty titles of its enlisted Airmen with the latest version of Air Force Instruction 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure.

The 19-page document, certified by Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray, substantially revises the old version of the regulation.

"I urge all Airmen to read and understand the enlisted force structure AFI," Chief Murray said in a CMSAF Perspective released Dec. 10 and available online at [www.af.mil/media/viewpoints/CMSAFenhance.html](http://www.af.mil/media/viewpoints/CMSAFenhance.html). "This is your blueprint for success in our great Air Force ... an Air Force revered around the world. Embrace your role and responsibility as an Airman ... and we'll continue to be the outstanding enlisted force our nation values, our allies appreciate and our enemies fear."

While short in length, the instruction is the most comprehensive tool Air Force officials use to define the structure of more than 300,000 people in the ranks of Airman basic through chief master sergeant.

"To effectively train and mentor enlisted Airmen, individuals must understand the expectations placed on these Airmen," said Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sergeant, 12th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant. "This instruction provides the information necessary to develop a clear understanding of these expectations."

The document serves as the definitive guide for developing an enlisted-force structure that best meets mission requirements while providing a stable career field structure and opportunity for professional growth, according to the instruction.

"Clearly defining our purpose and development as an enlisted corps is more critical today than ever before," Chief Murray said. "It's the enlisted-force structure that defines us as Airmen rather than merely specialists. In recent months, we've spent a great deal of time and talent to improve this AFI to ensure we not only meet today's requirements, but also are ready to face any adversary at any time."

Changes included in the revised instruction are new listings of leadership and developmental levels, general Airman responsibilities and standardized duty titles.

The instruction also provides more detail about noncommissioned officer and senior NCO responsibilities and de-scribes special senior NCO positions.

The three enlisted leadership and developmental levels added to the instruction are tactical, operational and strategic.

The tactical level, according to the instruction, normally applies to junior NCOs, and it is in this level that they perfect their primary skills. At this level the goal is to accomplish all assigned work as efficiently as possible using the people and resources available.

The operational level applies to senior NCOs. It is in this level where master sergeants through chief master sergeants transition from being expert technicians and first-line supervisors to leaders with broader responsibilities, according to the instruction.

Most enlisted Airmen will spend their entire careers at the tactical and operational levels, the instruction states. "This is where their natural strengths — the technical skills, experience and day-to-day mission focus of the enlisted force — are most required."

The strategic level normally applies to chief master sergeants and a select few other senior NCOs assigned to higher headquarters. These Airmen focus on the strategic leadership and management of the force for current and future requirements.

The revised instruction adds Airman responsibilities and further clarifies NCO and senior NCO responsibilities in chapters 3 to 5.

The Airman and NCO responsibilities listed focus on people in those grades being technically, physically, mentally



and spiritually ready to accomplish the mission.

The senior NCO responsibilities are centered on effective leadership and mentoring.

Besides general responsibilities, each chapter spells out specific responsibilities for each rank.

The final chapter of the instruction spells out specific duty titles and provides a consistent, standard approach to ensure the terms are clarified and meaningful.

It spells out who can and cannot have certain duty titles. The duty title "chief" can now only be used by chief master sergeants who are program, project or policy managers at units above the wing level.

All other enlisted Airmen must now use titles such as supervisor, NCO in charge, section chief, flight chief, squadron superintendent, superintendent or manager.

The instruction defines the rank and type of duty a person must perform for each duty title listed.

"We based titles on a person's primary duties, level of responsibility and rank," Chief Murray said. "A consistent, standard approach gives the title universal meaning. When you reach a superintendent of a wing shop, you'll know you are dealing with a (senior) NCO in charge. Today's operations tempo calls for a quick understanding of a person's role. We are facing new challenges everyday, and we have to maintain our edge for every angle."

The instruction is available online at [www.e-publishing.af.mil](http://www.e-publishing.af.mil).

## Scientists study enhanced aviation-warning system

**Rudy Purificato**  
311th Human Systems Wing

**BROOKS CITY-BASE, Texas** — Air Force Research Laboratory scientists have launched a study here that supports the development of a new flight-warning system designed to significantly enhance pilot safety.

Incidents of general aviation pilots violating controlled airspace led to the study, which focuses on safely using laser light for a new aviation signaling system. "It became obvious to air traffic controllers that a

secondary warning system beyond radio communications is needed to let pilots know to change course," said Maj. (Dr.) Laura Barnes, principal investigator for the optical radiation branch in the laboratory's human effectiveness directorate.

The potential for navigational confusion near critical infrastructures prompted the aviation community to find an effective secondary signal warning system, Major Barnes said. This proposed system would be a better alternative to today's broadband light sources, such as ground-based warning lights, that cannot be effective across long distances.

The study, being conducted in phases, began with a preliminary investigation using experienced pilots. Ten pilots observed a series of laser signals, varying in intensity, during simulated day and night flight scenarios.

"We're fine-tuning the system to ensure that cognitive interpretation (of the laser signals) is satisfactory," Major Barnes said. Specifically, the proposed signaling system must not be confused with the many distracting light sources typically encountered over urban areas and must not hamper navigation. (Courtesy of Air Force Material Command News Service)



# Are you serving your country or yourself?

**Lt. Col. David Snyder**  
14th Operations  
Support Squadron



As I sit back and think of the things I've seen individuals do over the past 19 years in the Air Force, I notice a trend.

As soon as an individual starts a selfish trend, nothing good happens for the Air Force family.

As a commander, I've dealt with sexual harassment, drug abuse, alcohol abuse, power abuse and more.

In every incident I've seen, the root was selfishness — "I wanted to make a little more money, so I lied on my voucher ... I wanted to get to know her better ... I

just wanted to try it out ..."

Every single divorce case I've seen started with "I" — "I wanted kids and she didn't. ... I wanted to work and he didn't want me to ... I didn't want to live in Mississippi."

And every single destroyed squadron started with "I" — "I want to be the company grade officer of the quarter so bad, I don't care who I take out in the process ... I don't want to go on this deployment and I don't care what it takes to get out of it."

"Service Before Self" is an Air Force core value for a reason. Selfishness destroys.

So, how do we keep the selfish "I" out of the issue? Start by being the first one to say you are sorry for past failures. Whether at the office or at home, this action will start a team building process.

Next, start looking out for the team. Start doing to

others what you'd have them do to you, instead of doing to others what you think they might do to you — or what they did to you last week.

Be ready to seek compromise and solutions to keep the team together, instead of always going for the ultimate solution — "I'm going to PCS soon anyway."

Finally, remember to slow down. Most of the time in our fast-paced culture, we are moving so quickly we don't even notice the people we hurt.

Let's slow down a notch and consider every event as a team building exercise. We in the Air Force and throughout the country are on the same team, even though we sometimes act like the other guy is our enemy.

Slow down and notice we are all on the same team trying to serve the same great country. May God bless you and our Air Force.

## Remember — your AEF needs you

**Maj. Gen. Bob DuLaney**  
U.S. Air Forces in Europe

**RAMSTEIN AB, Germany** — For the past six years, our Air Force has used the Air Expeditionary Force construct to meet the air and space power needs of our nation, tweaking the AEF as necessary to improve it and adapt it to meet emerging challenges. One of those adjustments has been to expand the pool of AEF-eligible Airmen.

The Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper, said it best.

"Let me be perfectly clear. In our Air Force, every Airman is expeditionary, every Airman will know his or her place in the AEF system, and every Airman will be prepared to support the combatant commander, whether deployed, in CONUS via reachback, or employed at home station. If you are wearing the uniform of the United States Air Force, you are part of the AEF."

That seems pretty clear to me. Note the lack of any escape clauses such as, "unless you're really important," or "unless you're an O-6." Our nation is at war and our combatant commanders need you, regardless of rank or position, and they need you to be ready to fight when you reach their theater.

The AEF process was designed with predictability in mind. By placing you in an AEF bucket, you can enjoy some measure of stability by knowing when you can expect to deploy. This affords you, your family, your co-workers and your

supervisor an opportunity to plan for your absence. Use this valuable lead time to get your personal life in order, including finances, wills and childcare plans.

It is also imperative to get your professional life in order. Update or create your continuity books so those left behind can cover your duties and ensure continued mission success for your unit.

Take a look at your professional military education and promotion timelines and make appropriate plans. Do you need to take care of any performance reports or feedback sessions?

Institutionally, we are getting pretty good at making sure our Airmen are getting their personal lives in order, but we also need to make sure we are taking care of the unit when our men and women proceed down range.

Supervisors and leaders, your involvement is critical to our success. You also need to plan for your troops' rotations. Find a replacement or plan on redistributing duties to other members of your team. Will there be some degradation and turmoil? Probably, but what everyone needs to understand is we are all in this together — we are at war. As an Air

Force, we must support our combatant commanders.

Don't try to "protect" your key players from the AEF. If they are really that good, then our combatant commanders need them more than you do! Almost all of us train during peacetime to perform a wartime mission; you owe it to the American taxpayers to put their warriors into the fight.

As an added bonus, a key player's absence provides opportunities for those left behind as they step up to fill in or learn a new duty. It truly can be a win-win for our Air Force.

We will continue to prosecute the global war on terrorism for the foreseeable future.

Our AEF concept has proven very effective over the last several years at putting air and space power where we need

it, when we need it.

Your role is to be ready, personally and professionally, to take the fight to our nation's enemies. If you are in a leadership position, make sure your team is ready to fight or carry on the home station mission when individuals from your team deploy.

No matter who you are, if you are wearing Air Force blue, your AEF needs you.

### Base Notes

#### Student spouse group

The Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club student spouse group sponsors its monthly gathering from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the bowling center. The event allows both new and casual student spouses to get to know one another and form friendships. To sign up or for more information, contact Veronica Lestina by Jan. 15 at (319) 931-0980 or veronickins@hotmail.com.

#### Blood drive

The 14th Medical Group and Keesler AFB, Miss., Blood Donor Center sponsor a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 21 at the community center. All Department of Defense personnel are invited to share the gift of life. For more information, call Capt. Daryl White at Ext. 2123.

#### Newcomer's orientation

A newcomer's orientation is from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Jan. 27. For more information, call the military personnel flight customer service office at Ext. 2626.

#### Special duty briefing

The Air Education and Training Command Special Duty Briefing Team will give a presentation about special duty assignments from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. Jan. 27 at the base theater. Senior Airmen with more than 36 months time in service through master sergeants with less than 17 years total active federal military service are invited to attend the briefing and are eligible to apply for these special duty assignments. Spouses are also encouraged to attend.

The team can expedite the processing of an applicant's special duty application if

they bring it with them to the briefing. To obtain a copy of the AETC special duty application, call Tech. Sgt. Brian Bailey at Ext. 2409.

#### COSC social

The spouses of the 14th Operations Support Squadron and 43rd Flying Training Squadron sponsor a Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club fashion show social at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Columbus Club. Cost is \$10 per person and club members receive a \$2 discount. The menu is stuffed chicken breast. New members are welcome. For reservations, call Cammy Cheater by noon Feb. 3 at 434-8915.

#### SAT testing

The education center will administer the Scholastic Aptitude Test at 8 a.m. Feb. 3 for active-duty military members who need to complete the exam for educational reasons or to apply for a service-related program such as a commissioning program. There is a limited number of exams and personnel will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis after verifying the need to take the exam. To sign up, call Ext. 2563.

#### COSC scholarships

The Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors and continuing education students. Applicants must be dependents of either active-duty, retired, missing in action, active-duty reservist or deceased military members associated with Columbus AFB. Applications are available at the education center, family support center or local high school guidance offices, and the deadline is Jan. 31. For more information, call Marla Fisher at 434-5527.

### Family Support Center

*(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)*

#### Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

#### Relaxation class

The third of six consecutive classes on how to practice progressive relaxation begins at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. The fourth class is scheduled from 12:30 p.m. Jan. 25. The fifth class will be at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 1.

#### Financial management

A personal financial management workshop discussing a variety of money matters begins at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

#### Relocating

A seminar discussing programs and resources available for families relocating to another base or country is from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday.

#### Sponsorship training

A workshop designed for all unit introduction monitors begins at 9 a.m. Jan. 25. Training includes the importance of effective sponsorship and resources available for both sponsors and newcomers.

#### Time management

A workshop discussing effective time

management is from 8 to 11 a.m. Jan. 26. Participants will focus on setting realistic goals and communication tips on how to reduce confusion and become better organized.

#### AFAS grant program

The Air Force Aid Society's General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program awards \$1,500 grants to eligible military dependents. For more information about the program or an application, call Ext. 2855 or visit the Air Force Aid Society Web site at [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org).

### Chapel Schedule

#### Catholic

Sunday:  
9:15 a.m. — Mass  
10:45 a.m. — CCD\*  
5 p.m. — Confessions  
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

#### Protestant

Sunday:  
9 a.m. — Sunday school\*  
10:30 a.m. — Contemporary worship service at the community center  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship  
Tuesday:  
10:30 a.m. — Ladies Bible study  
Noon — Lunch and Bible study  
Wednesday:  
5 p.m. — Bible study potluck  
6 p.m. — Bible study, Pioneer Clubs, teen ministries

For information about Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the base chapel at Ext. 2500.

\*The chapel annex facility is closed for renovation through April. All religious education activities will be held at Bldg. 1052.

### Letter to the Editor

*Over the busy holidays, I was coming home after a long day of shopping. The weather was foggy, rainy and dark. Just as I was turning in to my neighborhood, I lost control of my car and landed in a deep ditch. Many people stopped to help me and get me out of the car which was in danger of turning over.*

*I would like to thank each one of them that stopped and offered assistance. I am not able to list all of their names here. However, there was one — Lt. Ryan Brainert — that stayed with me the whole time.*

*He made all the necessary telephone calls for me. He insisted on staying with me until my husband and the police got there.*

*I had never met the lieutenant before that night. His willingness to stop and help so impressed me that I wanted to write this letter and let others know how fortunate we are to have these young military members in our community.*

*We are also fortunate to have a fine police department and so many helpful neighbors. Thank you very much.*

Martha Nolen





Right: Senior Airman Gary Lezon-Forreira of Gowenfield, Idaho, dives for the block.



Senior Airman Quincey Collins of RAF Mildenhall, England, breaks around a wall of players while practicing penalty shot strategies.

# CAFB trio makes 1st round cut

Thirty-six athletes arrived at Columbus AFB Jan. 5 in hopes of earning a position on the Air Force soccer team. On Tuesday, coaches Steven Lowe and Capt. Roy Dietzman selected the most talented players to continue with try outs. Three Columbus AFB Airmen were among the chosen few.



2nd Lt. Paul Gagliardi  
48th Flying Training Squadron

Gagliardi, voted his high school's most valuable player and College Academic All-Conference Team member, said this has been a great opportunity for him, whatever the results, because he has enjoyed meeting and bonding with a group of "great players."

"It doesn't really feel like everyone is competing for a spot on the team," he said. "It's just a bunch of guys playing soccer and having a good time."



1st Lt. Abe Cuddeback  
41st Flying Training Squadron

Cuddeback has been playing soccer for 20 years with various premier league club teams. In high school, he was an all-conference midfielder. He currently heads the Columbus AFB Soccer League and plays on the base team.

"The tryouts have been very challenging both mentally and physically," he said. "I think the coaches have a tough decision to make in regards to the final cut. I'm just thankful that I've had this opportunity to play and that the guys in the 41st picked up the slack so I could have this chance."



2nd Lt. Thomas Clark  
14th Operations Support Squadron

"I haven't worked this hard since playing in college," Clark said about his experience so far. Clark was First Team All-Conference while playing for the Air Force Academy in 2002 and 2003. In 1999, he was named Colorado 4A Player of the Year and was First Team All-Region.

Despite his resume, Clark isn't 100 percent sure about his chances for making the final cut. "There are so many skilled players out there," he said. "It will be exciting just to see the final team put together."



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Keith Houin  
First Lt. Britton Miller of Vandenberg AFB, Calif., practices dribbling.



# Auto shop provides convenience for customers

**Pam Wickham**  
14th Services Division

The Columbus AFB Auto Shop features a variety of services available for BLAZE TEAM members.

People can use the shop's on-base pick-up and delivery service for vehicle maintenance and car detailing services by simply picking up the phone to make an appointment.

Its full-service vehicle maintenance program also includes tire rotation and balancing, Mississippi state inspections and flat tire repair.

For the mechanically inclined who prefer to perform car maintenance themselves, the shop features 10 standard-size bays with three equipped with lifts, outfitted with all the tools needed to make repairs.

Stall fees are \$1.85 per hour without using the lift or \$3 per hour with the lift.

A few of the full-service fees are \$7.50 for an oil change and lube if car owners bring their own oil and filter; or \$17.95 if the shop provides the supplies.

Wheel balancing is \$5 per wheel, tire rotation is \$9.50 and flats can be repaired for as little as \$6 per tire.

"We offer something that people can't get off base — a place and all the tools on hand to work on your car," said shop manager Robert Johnson.

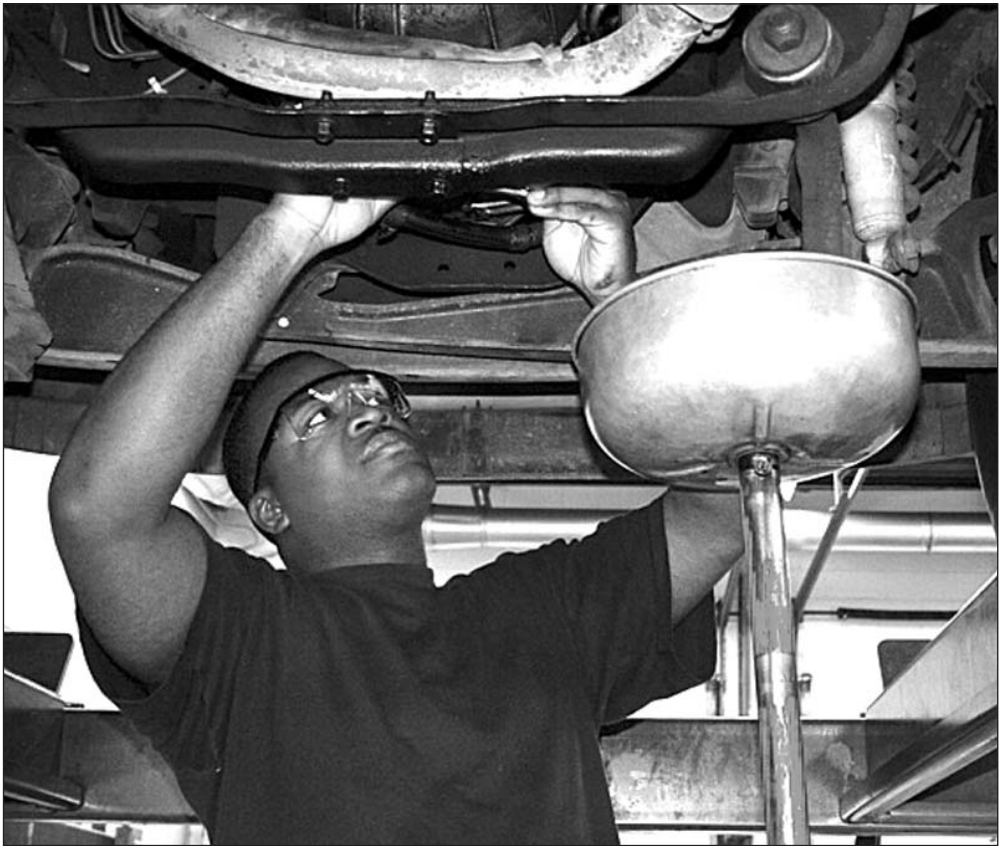
A 24-hour, 4-bay car wash open seven days a week is located next to the youth center. The system features pumps that produce 1,000 pounds per square inch of hot spraying power for a heavy duty wash. The washers operate on coin-operated times. Coin-operated vacuum and fragrance machines are also available.

Costs for the full-service car detailing are \$12 and up depending on what the customer requests.

Services include hand washing the vehicle, cleaning windows, vacuuming, tire shine, hand waxing, shampooing and more.

The auto shop is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and it is closed Sundays and Mondays.

For more information or to make an appointment, call Ext. 7842.



Pam Wickham

**Senior Airman Marcus Stevenson, 14th Operations Support Squadron, uses the automobile lift and tools at the auto shop to make changing the oil in his vehicle easier.**

# Variety of recreational programs available for base

**Craft classes:** The skills development center offers youth and adult craft classes. Adult classes are at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Youth classes are at 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

The next interior decorating class will make a storage ottoman at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Jan. 27. Cost for this class is \$26 plus fabric.

Stop by the skills development center to see a display of the upcoming classes available. Call Ext. 7836.

**Sports heroes family night:** The Columbus Club offers this new monthly program from 5 to 8 p.m. Jan. 20. Family members who wear their sports hero's jersey or youth that wear their youth sports uniforms receive a \$1 discount on their meal.

The adult buffet menu is lemon pepper baked chicken breasts, slow roasted beef with gravy, roasted new potatoes, wild rice, vegetable medley, rolls, coffee and tea. Cost is \$6.95 for club members and \$9.95 for nonmembers. The children's buffet offers chicken nuggets, french fries, corn

dogs, tater tots, macaroni and cheese, jell-O, and pudding. Cost is \$3.95 for members and ages 6 to 12, \$5.95 for nonmembers and ages 5 and younger eat for free

A bouncy castle, karate demonstration, cartoons and face painting will also be available. Call Ext. 2489.

**Give parents a break/parents day out:** The child development center and youth center offer this program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 22. Parents must pre-register by Wednesday. Call the child development center at Ext. 2479 and the youth center at Ext. 2504.

**Stampin' Up classes:** Stampin' Up workshops are scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. Jan. 20, 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 20 and 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 22. People must register at the community center by Tuesday. Cost is \$15 for five projects and all supplies are included. New customers receive a \$10 discount. Call Ext. 7450.

**Casino trip:** The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip Jan. 21. Cost is \$25 per person and includes transportation,

\$15 in coins and a free buffet. Call Ext. 7861.

**Teen dance:** The youth center offers a teen dance from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at the community center. Entry is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers or visitors. There will be a disc jockey, dance contest and beverages. Call Ext. 2504.

**Trip to Mardi Gras:** The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Mardi Gras Jan. 28 through Jan. 30 in New Orleans, La. Cost is \$175 per person and includes transportation and two nights lodging (double occupancy) at the Holiday Inn. A deposit of \$50 is required when registering. Call Ext. 7861.

**Professional basketball games:** The information, ticket and travel office has tickets available for the Feb. 25, April 3 and April 8 Memphis Grizzlies basketball games. Cost is \$60 per ticket. Call Ext. 7861.

**Worldwide talent contest:** Active-duty military must submit an application by

Feb. 4 for this contest at Lackland AFB, Texas, March 6 through March 14. Entry information is available at [www.topsinblue.com](http://www.topsinblue.com). Call Ext. 2504.

**Health rocks:** Sponsored by the Mississippi State 4-H Extension Agency, this program is for ages 9 to 14 and is offered from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the community center. There will be games, prizes and free food. Call Ext. 7450.

**Tops in Blue:** The premier showcase Tops in Blue presents "Musicology" at 7 p.m. Feb. 1 at Mississippi University for Women's Whitfield Auditorium. Admission is free. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Bus service is available at 6 p.m. at the community center and the Columbus Club. Call Ext. 3052.

**Super Bowl party:** The Columbus Club offers more than \$1,400 in prizes at its Super Bowl party Feb. 6 at the community center. Prizes include cash vouchers for NFL merchandise, an X-Box system, T-shirts, personal coolers, hats and more. The program is open to all ranks. Call Ext. 2490.

**Computer classes:** The Bryan Public Library in West Point, Miss., conducts free computer classes throughout January. People may sign up for internet/e-mail, beginning and immediate Microsoft Word, beginning Microsoft Excel and beginning computer classes. To sign up or for more information, call (662) 494-4872.

**"Pawn:"** The Columbus Players, Columbus Arts Council students, present this murder mystery comedy at 7 p.m. today and Saturday at Rent Auditorium located on the Mississippi University for Women campus. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and may be purchased at Rosenzweig Arts Center or at the door. For more information, call the Columbus Arts Council at 328-2787.

**Martin Luther King Jr. celebration:** Tim Tyson, author of "Blood Done Sign My Name," will present the annual community program at noon Monday at Trotter Convention center in downtown Columbus. Admission is free and open to the public.

**Community chorus:** Rehearsals for the Starkville-Columbus Community Chorus spring concert are at 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the Choral Building on the Mississippi State University campus. The spring concert is scheduled for 5 p.m. March 6 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Starkville, Miss. The repertoire for

the concert will be announced at Monday's rehearsal. For more information, call Dr. Linda Karen Smith at (662) 325-2870.

**Southern Star:** The Columbus Arts Council sponsors round two of Southern Star, a performance showcasing local talent, at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Princess Theater in downtown Columbus. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, visit [www.columbus-arts.org](http://www.columbus-arts.org).

**Cake decorating:** The Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority sponsors cake decorating classes from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1 at Propst Park. Cost is \$45. To sign up or for more information, call 327-4935.

**YPAS performance:** The Young People's Artist Series presents "Amelia Bedilia & Other Stories" at 12:30 p.m. Jan. 21 at Rent Auditorium located on the Mississippi University for Women campus. Admission is \$4 per person and tickets must be purchased by Jan. 17. For more information, contact the Columbus Arts Council at 328-2787.

**Horsepark training day:** People are invited to use the outdoor arena and harness track of the Mississippi Horse Park in Starkville, Miss., for Sunday Training Day Jan. 23. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call the park at 325-9350.

# BARGAIN LINE

**Piano lessons:** A one-night piano course is from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Mississippi University for Women campus. To register, call 329-7137.

**Driver safety course:** The Trintinty Place Retirement Community sponsors an American Association of Retired People driver safety course from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 24 and Jan. 25. For more information, call 327-6717.

**Symphony orchestra:** The Mississippi Symphony Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. Jan. 29 at Rent Auditorium on the Mississippi University for Women campus. Tickets are \$20 per person. For tickets or more information, call the Columbus Arts Council at 328-2787.

**Exchange student sponsors:** The Cultural Academic Student Exchange Inc. seeks families in the Golden Triangle Area to sponsor high school foreign exchange students. For more information, call (800) 458-8336.

**Tax assistance:** Volunteers are needed to provide free tax assistance to low and moderate income taxpayers. Tax assistance volunteers will receive training with instructional materials. For more information, call (662) 323-6433.

**For more event listings, visit [www.columbus-ms.org](http://www.columbus-ms.org).**

## Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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**Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:**

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If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at [silverwings@columbus.af.mil](mailto:silverwings@columbus.af.mil).





Bregman Grey, 14th Security Forces Squadron, takes it to the hoop as Ken Harris of the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron team attempts a block.



Right: Henry Stephens of the 14th CES team looks for an open teammate while Paul Bonzi, 14th SFS, tries to block the pass. In the intramural basketball season opener, 14th CES defeated security forces, 38-29.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez

Chad Lugo, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, drives to the basket.



Right: Will Greenan, 14th CES, goes in for the shot chased by Alex Galvan, 14th SFS and CES teammate Jason Piper.

### Shorts

#### Racquetball tournament

An extramural Racquetball tournament for all base people runs through Jan. 28. To register, call the fitness and sports center at Ext. 2772.

#### Fun runs

The next fun run is scheduled for 6 p.m. Jan. 27 in front of the fitness and sports center. Participants have the option of walking 1.5 miles or running a 3K

course. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

#### Bowling tournament

The Blaze Bowling Tournament is Jan. 29 and Jan. 30 at the bowling center. Cost is \$60 per person and includes \$50 for the prize fund. Participants must register by Jan. 14 at the bowling center. For more information, call Ext. 2425.

#### Air Force Wrestling Camp

The application deadline for the Air Force

Wrestling Camp is Jan. 20. The camp is Feb. 22 through May 2 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

All applicants must submit an Air Force Form 303 to the fitness center as well as separate documentation of his or her wrestling background, records, titles, references and phone numbers.

The camp is two months long and servicemembers who are invited to participate will be granted permissive TDY for the event. For more information, call the fitness center at Ext. 2772.